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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the above-noted Office Action, and herein amends the present Application. This Amendment with a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits herewith an "Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form." Applicant requests that the Examiner call to establish an appropriate time for interview of the present application after entry of this Amendment.

Applicant has amended pending Claim 14 to overcome the Examiners objections to this claim. Applicant respectfully submits that such amendments made to the claims to overcome 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections regarding matters of form, and are not being made for reasons of distinguishing the respective claims over the prior art of record. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of the objection to Claim 14.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claims 1-23, based on the cited prior art of record. First, Applicant notes that there is no teaching shown in the cited prior art which suggests combination of the cable management arm of Mayer with the tool belt of Hagan. Mayer is directed toward a cable management solution for rack-mounted computers, which appears to be formed of metal and has cable ties 318 which extend through holes in the arms for securing cabling thereto. Mayer does not suggest arms of plastic, nor does it teach the cable retention tabs set forth in Claims 1, 6-8, 11, 14, 18-20 and 23, formed of plastic. Hagan discloses a plastic tool belt, and does not suggest use as a cable management arm, or a solution for retaining cabling for rack-mounted computers. Applicant request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-23 based on Mayer in combination with Hagan, since the cited prior art does not suggest combination of Mayer with Hagan, nor of Lopez and Hagan.

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Additionally, Neither Mayer, Hagan, Champion, nor Lopez disclose the particular feature of integrally molded cable retention tabs integrally formed, with first portions extending from a main body portion of a molded arm and second portions extending across a main body portion of Claim 1. The cited prior art also does not show or suggest second portions of cable retention tabs extending parallel to a main body portion of an arm (See Claims 7 and 19), or L-shaped cable retention tabs (See Claims 8, 21 and 23). Additionally, Hagan does not show grooves having a substantially rectangular cross-section to defined hinges molded into a plastic cable management arm. (See Claims 4 and 16). Similarly, Champion does not show the combination of a cable management arm molded of plastic, with grooves formed into the plastic member to define hinges, and retention tabs extending spaced apart from a main body portion (See Claims 1, 14 and 23). Additionally, Champion does not disclose either second portions of cable retention tabs which extend parallel to a main body portion of an arm (See Claims 7 and 19), or retention tabs which are L-shaped retention tabs (See Claims 8, 21 and 23). Since the above-noted features are neither shown nor suggested by the cited prior art of record, Applicant requests reconsideration of Claims 1-23 and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-23.

As noted above, Applicant requests a telephone interview with the Examiner, and requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney listed below to arrange an appropriate time to discuss any substantive issued pending in the Application after entry and consideration of this Amendment.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the application in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended and that the Application proceed to issuance.


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The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/CISC-25,675 for the firm CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

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